



Li not criminally responsible in beheading case

COURT Vince Li was found not criminally responsible for the killing and beheading of fellow passenger Timothy McLean on a Greyhound bus last summer.

Manitoba Judge John Scurfield said Thursday that Li could not be found guilty of murder and that he is not criminally responsible for the act because he was mentally ill during the time of the killing.

At Li's trial, psychiatric evidence suggested he is a schizophrenic who suffered a major episode when he fatally stabbed McLean, 22, ate some of the body parts, and cut off McLean's head.

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Family grieves Canadian soldier's death



Mishelle Brown, whose husband, Warrant Officer Dennis Brown, was killed Tuesday near Kandahar City in Afghanistan by a roadside bomb, wears his military dog tags as she speaks to reporters Thursday from her home in St. Catharines, Ont. Story, pg 4

Romeo Phillion no longer 'a killer'

COURT Justice and redemption were the big themes Thursday after the Ontario Court of Appeal overturned his conviction for a 42-year-old murder, but Romeo Phillion was busy revelling in the practical implications.

"I'm happy. I'm no longer 'a killer.' So that's good," the diminutive 69-year-old said Thursday.

"The bail (conditions are) off ... I don't have to go to the police station and re-

No acquittal

• Stopping short of entering an acquittal, the court instead ordered a new trial, saying the undisclosed evidence must be considered against a murder confession Phillion uttered in 1972, which he quickly recanted.

port. I can make my own decisions," said Phillion, who is believed to have served more prison time

than any wrongly convicted person — 31 years.

"Nobody's going to stop me."

In a 2-1 judgment, Justice Michael Moldaver said there was "overwhelming" evidence a police report that could have affected the verdict was not disclosed to Phillion's lawyer at his trial, where he was convicted of the Aug. 9, 1967, murder of Ottawa firefighter Leopold Roy.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A council in 'chaos'

Task force levels criticism

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Under the current system, city council is "dysfunctional" and headed toward "chaos," according to the Mayor's Taskforce on Governance.

After conducting extensive interviews, task force chairman David Zussman said there was an overwhelming sentiment that the current governance system was not working and needs to be changed.

"In essence, we heard that Ottawa suffered from not having a coherent government because today, we have a city government by a committee of 24 individuals who, for a number of reasons, lack a citywide view," he said.

The report also states that the city lacks a proper split between legislative, executive, and administrative functions; that the mayor, the only official elected by the entire city, has only one vote on council, meaning that he has limited ability to lead and manage strategic agenda; and that council micromanages projects better left to city staff.

Among the recommendations in the report titled Governing Ottawa: Strategic Thinking for a Winning City, the task force called for council to create an executive committee, composed of committee chairs

and chaired by the mayor.

The task force also recommended an audit and finance committee to ensure city funds are managed in accordance with the overall plan. Rideau Goulbourn Coun. Glen Brooks said members of an executive committee would have a huge advantage over their fellow councillors.

"They have the power to influence," he said. "It depends how you wield that power. That concerns me somewhat."

The recommendations were integrated and would not be effective if implemented in half measures, said Zussman.

"If we do not adopt this or something like

this, we will end up having the same system we've had for the last decade," he said, which would eventually lead to "chaos (and) an inability to deal with the big issues that the city has been trying to deal with in the last few years."

Bay Ward Coun. Alex Cullen said there are elements of the report worth looking at, but took exception to the evaluation that no change would lead to chaos.

"Just the notion that we have to adopt this report or it's chaos does a disservice to how we've developed this city through the community and the generations of city councils," he said.

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A ceremony was held Thursday following the introduction of a government bill that will recognize Beechwood Cemetery as the National Cemetery of Canada. The cemetery, which is also home to the National Military Cemetery and the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery, is also a National Historic Site. **METRO OTTAWA**

Local



ACORN offering free tax preparation

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METRO OTTAWA

Putting the heat on potholes

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Welcome to "Pot-awa," where the roads are bad in the spring.

Potholes are inevitable, but this year, the city is hoping to fill those car-rattling potholes a bit more effectively using a new Heat Design Equipment asphalt recycling unit that allows crews to fill the holes with hot asphalt, even during the winter.

"That provides a much more durable and long-lasting repair than the cold mix," said Eric Katmarian, the manager of operations, planning, research and technical services with the City of Ottawa during a demonstration of the unit Thursday.

"It bonds better. It compacts better. It lasts longer and the reason we don't use the hot mix in the winter is

because the local plants shut down."

The City of London has been using the hot asphalt unit for a number of years, said Dan O'Keefe, the district manager for roads, parks and trees with the city, but this is the first time Ottawa has used hot asphalt to fill potholes during the winter. "So far we like what we see," he said.

The city's surface operations branch deploys up to 30 crews during the day and 19 crews at night to temporarily fill potholes.

Mayor Larry O'Brien said the most effective way to fight the city's pothole problem is report them.

"No matter how sharp-eyed our 30 groups out there in the streets are, they will never be as sharp as 894,000 (pairs of) eyes giving us advice and identification as to where these potholes are."



City of Ottawa road crews fill in potholes with heated, recycled asphalt during a demonstration of Heat Design Equipment's asphalt recycler unit Thursday on Queen Elizabeth Drive.

Gray installed as 10th Carleton chancellor

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He may not be a Carleton graduate, but Herb Gray's connections to the institution go way back.

Gray's family members attended as undergraduate students and his children attended the pre-schools and later, the sports camps. And in the '70s, Gray himself gave guest lectures to journalism and political science students.

But it was his general high regard for Carleton University that led Gray — the Canadian chair of the International Joint Commission of Canada and the United States — to accept an appointment as the 10th chancellor of Canada's Capital University by the school's board of governors and president late last year.

He was installed at a for-

Career politician

- A Companion of the Order of Canada, Gray is a graduate of McGill University and Osgoode Hall Law School and is a member of the Ontario Bar. He was first elected as a Liberal MP for Windsor West in 1962 and was re-elected in 12 subsequent federal elections.

mal ceremony at the Canadian Museum of Civilization Thursday night.

"I look forward to assisting the new president Dr. Roseann Runte and Jacques Shore, chair of the board of governors, and providing a symbolic representation as chancellor, not just inferring degrees on graduates, but presenting what Carleton's all about to the city, country and internationally," he said.

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United Way fetes 'community builders'

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United Way/Centraide Ottawa honoured 55 of the community's most dedicated volunteers at city hall Thursday.

The organization recognized the 2008 Community Builder Award winners at the annual Community Builder Wall of Inspiration luncheon. While three individuals were named the Community Builders of the Year, the awards also honoured 52 others who made a difference in the community.

"Community Builder Awards and the Wall of In-

"All the people being honoured today are inspirations, and we hope that sharing their stories will motivate others to become community builders."

United Way president/CEO Michael Allen

spiration celebrate the outstanding volunteers who work so selflessly to help others and make this a better community for everyone," said United Way president and CEO Michael Allen. "All the people being honoured today are inspirations, and we hope that sharing their stories will motivate others to become community builders."

Top honours went to Eve-

lyne Laishley, who made contributions to the Ottawa Health Research Institute, Queen's University and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind before she died last year; Lawrence Greenspon, who volunteers with several charities and Aliai Lual, who devotes much of her time to empowering youth in her own community, across North America, and in her native South Sudan.

Relay for Life kicks off 11th year

FUNDRAISER Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life participants, sponsors and volunteers kicked off Ottawa's 11th annual event Thursday night.

The event, which is held in 100 locations across Ontario — including three in Ottawa — this June, is Canada's biggest cancer fundraiser as well as an opportunity for participants to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer and fight against the disease.

With more than three months until the event, more than 100 teams have registered in Ottawa. More are expected to sign up in

Cancer research

- Unlike other fundraisers that raise money for specific cancers, the Relay for Life raises money for research into all types of cancers, said spokeswoman Donna Edwards.

coming weeks — all told, 300 teams of 10 to 12 people and 800 volunteers are expected in Nepean on June 12 and Orleans and Stittsville on June 19.

The Ottawa goal is to top \$1 million, said event spokeswoman Donna Edwards.

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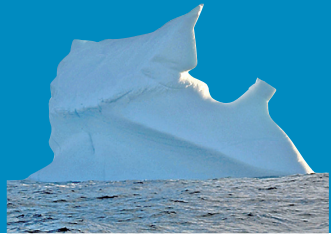


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Canada



Arctic melting faster: Expert

The Arctic is warming up so quickly that the region's sea ice cover in summer could vanish as early as 2013, decades earlier than some had predicted, a leading polar expert said Thursday. Warwick Vincent, director of the Centre for Northern Studies at Laval University in Quebec, said recent data on the ice cover "appear to be tracking the most pessimistic of the models," which call for an ice free summer in 2013.

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Mom not surprised at decision

BEHEADING Carol deDelley is not surprised that a judge has ruled the man responsible for one of the most horrific crimes in Canadian history will be sent to a mental health facility instead of prison.

The mother of 22-year-old beheading victim Tim McLean said it came as no surprise Vince Li was found not criminally responsible for the gruesome crime, but said he should still be held accountable.

"Whether he was in his right frame of mind or not, he still did the act. There was nobody else on that bus holding a knife, slicing up my child," deDelley said to reporters outside a Winnipeg courthouse Thursday.

REUTERS

Tags off at EI offices

Laid-off workers getting upset over payment waits

Riding the Recession

JESSICA SMITH
for Metro Canada

Some government workers at Employment Insurance offices have taken off their name tags as scores of recently laid-off Canadians are upset over being told their initial EI payments are backlogged.

Jeanette Meunier-Mackay, president of The Canada Employment Immigration Union (CEIU), said her members are informally reporting that at least half of EI claims are taking longer than Service Canada's standard 28 days to be processed.

Claims rise

• EI claims in December were up 16.6 per cent across Canada over the same month in 2007, according to Statistics Canada.

However, the only region the union has statistics for is Atlantic Canada. By the end of February, out of Atlantic Canada's 30,000 outstanding claims, 8,000 were 29 days old or older, and about 2,000 of those were 41 days old or older, according to Jeannie Baldwin, regional vice-president of the Public Service Alliance of Canada, an umbrella union that encompasses the CEIU.

The government has

"made significant efforts and investments" to deal with the increased number of EI claims, according to an email sent by media relations on behalf of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.

"For instance, we have hired additional staff, redistributed workloads across the country and recalled recently retired processing agents. We have also increased overtime, staff at EI call centres on Saturdays and the automation of claims processing," the email said.

Some people who are waiting for payments are "pretty stressed out and desperate" and cry to civil servants handling their claims, said Meunier-MacKay.

Widow looks back on marriage with soldier

MOURNING Mishelle Brown isn't prepared to start talking about her husband in the past tense.

"I love him," she said in an interview Thursday in the small brick bungalow they shared in a quiet residential neighbourhood in St. Catharines, Ont. "He doesn't have to be there for me to love him."

"He's dead. There's no ifs, ands or buts about that. But he's not dead in my heart."

The body of her husband, Warrant Officer Dennis Brown, will be flown Friday to the Canadian Forces base in Trenton.

He was killed Tuesday in a roadside explosion near Kandahar City, along with Cpl. Kenneth O'Quinn, originally of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Nfld., and Cpl.

"He's dead ... but he's not dead in my heart."

Mishelle Brown

Dany Fortin of Bagotville, Que.

She and Dennis had been married for less than a year, blending his three children from a previous marriage and her daughter.

Mishelle Brown marvelled at how many happy memories they shared in the short time they were together.

"I would say to him, 'What would I have done if I hadn't met you?' He would say, 'We were always meant to meet.'"

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New studies provide evidence that common enteroviruses, which normally cause colds or vomiting, may cause childhood diabetes, paving the way for potential vaccines against the condition, researchers said. **REUTERS**

World



More double mastectomies

More American women with an early form of breast cancer are choosing to have both their breasts removed, according to a new study. Researchers at the University of Minneapolis who studied more than 51,000 women with ductal carcinoma in situ found that the number of women having a double mastectomy was increasing. **REUTERS**

ICC charges a western ploy: Bashir

WARRANT Sudan's president told thousands of cheering supporters on Thursday an international call for his arrest on war crimes charges was a ploy by western nations set on grabbing the country's oil.

Omar Hassan al-Bashir, the first sitting president to be charged by the International Criminal Court,

More dismissals

- An official said Thursday at least three more aid agencies may be sent home.

responded to his indictment over the conflict in the western Darfur region by ordering 10 foreign aid agencies to leave Sudan.

The ICC has no powers of arrest, relying on national police to hand suspects over. Some analysts fear the warrant could further destabilize Sudan.

Authorities accused aid groups of passing information to the ICC on alleged atrocities in Darfur, site of the world's largest humanitarian operation. **REUTERS**

Obama's enemy No. 1: Limbaugh

The White House has seen the enemy, and his name is Rush Limbaugh.

U.S. President Barack Obama's team is helping lead an effort to cast Limbaugh, a polarizing, conservative radio show host, as the Republican Party's new face, using campaign-style attacks against a high-profile target.

Democrats are taking advantage of a power void within the Republicans now that George W. Bush has passed from the scene.

The goal is to convince Americans that the party is a shell of its former self and in the grip of its most narrow, right wing, in hopes of making independents and moderates think twice about switching allegiance.



Limbaugh

And Limbaugh, whose daily show has the largest

radio talk show audience in the U.S., is loving it. He is revelling in the chance to generate a wider audience, demanding Obama debate him after saying he hoped Obama fails. "They need a demon to distract and divert from what their agenda is," he declared.

The White House calculated that Americans would see Limbaugh's attack as out of step with those voters who propelled Obama into office in November's election. **REUTERS**

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Jordan Victim of violence



A woman who was abused by her husband covers her face, so as not to be identified by her family, at the Sisterhood Is Global Institute office in Amman Thursday, ahead of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. The institute is a non-profit organization that aims to further the cause of women's rights worldwide.

Russia, NATO resume trade

RUSSIA NATO agreed on Thursday to resume formal ties with Russia, suspended after Moscow's war with Georgia, in the hope of winning Russian backing for its struggle to stabilize Afghanistan.

"We can and must find ways to work constructively with Russia where we share areas of common interest, including helping the people of Afghanistan," U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said.

Russia immediately welcomed the move, which was agreed at a meeting of NATO foreign ministers.

"This decision is posi-

Transit lines

- Russia had said it would allow transit of non-lethal U.S. supplies for Afghanistan. With its supply lines under pressure from militant attacks, NATO hopes that such help could be extended to air transit, air lift and routes for lethal aid.

itive," said its ambassador to NATO, Dmitry Rogozin, calling it "promising in terms of stability and security in Afghanistan." But he regretted that ties would only formally resume after an April summit. **REUTERS**

News in brief

TRADE U.S. President Barack Obama should not change any of NAFTA's agricultural provisions, even though he has promised to renegotiate the pact, a Republican senator said Thursday. Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa said he was concerned that Mexico would seek to rebalance tariff concessions in a way that would harm agricultural exports from Iowa.

TAIWAN A four-year-old boy won the use of an uninhabited tropical island in a Taiwan lottery aimed at boosting spending during an economic downturn. Yeh Chien-wei will get exclusive rights to the tiny plot in the Taiwan Strait from May through September. **REUTERS**

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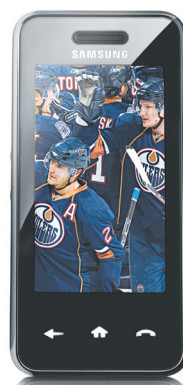
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Beware bad breeders

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Wendy Mesley

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When Michelle Dean bought a Pomeranian puppy, she was expecting a happy, healthy dog. Instead, Dean ended up with more than \$10,000 in vet bills. Her puppy had a parasitic infection, needed leg surgery and now, at just three years old, is slowly going blind.

The pet store promised Dean that her puppy was healthy and came from a reputable breeder. But as Dean found out, dog buyers should ask plenty of questions before purchasing a pet-store puppy.

Pet stores sometimes give

customers assurances by showing them pedigree papers — a sort of family tree for dogs — that suggests the dog is free of genetic defects and has had proper medical checks. But that isn't always the case. Pedigree papers aren't the same as a detailed medical check. If a veterinarian had closely examined Dean's puppy, the leg problems might have been detected and Dean would have known about the problem before buying.

And just because a dog is purebred doesn't mean it comes from a first-rate breeder.

Dean got the impression from the pet store that her puppy was bred in a home or from a breeder that meets guidelines from the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association. But the CVMA doesn't en-



On the web

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dorse breeders, and as Dean found out, her dog certainly didn't come from a warm and wholesome homestead.

Before being sold in a Canadian pet store, Dean's puppy came from one of the largest puppy brokers in the U.S. It's called the Hunte Corporation, a massive Missouri facility that buys and sells roughly 90,000 dogs per year from breeders across the U.S. The company gives the dogs shots, microchips them, and then trucks them out to pet stores across

North America.

But the real question is, where was Dean's dog bred before arriving at the big puppy broker? It came from a puppy breeder in Missouri with USDA violations. The puppies were raised in a shed that looks like a chicken coop. And Dean learned this breeder knowingly sells puppies with back leg problems to some puppy brokers.

None of this is supposed to happen. Fifteen years ago, American and Canadian authorities had promised to crack down on bad breeding. Puppies coming into Canada are apparently checked at the border by veterinarians.

However, no one can tell us exactly how many American dogs come into Canada or end up in our pet stores.

Wendy Mesley is a co-host of CBC News: Marketplace, Canada's award-winning consumer affairs show, and a regular back-up host with CBC News: The National. CBC News: Marketplace airs each Friday at 8:30 p.m. on CBC Television.



MICHAEL DE ADLER

Worth mentioning

Is there anybody out there?

SPACE A NASA telescope was cleared to launch on Friday on a mission to look for Earth-like planets around other stars and determine whether there are places that could support human-like life beyond our solar system.

"This is a historical mission," NASA's space science chief Ed Weiler told reporters on Thursday. "It really attacks some basic human questions that have been asked since that first man or woman looked up in the sky and asked, 'Are we alone?'"

Once in orbit, Kepler will be aimed at a star-rich swath of sky between the constellations Cygnus and Lyra in our own Milky Way galaxy. The telescope has two main tasks on its three-year mission: Stare at the stars

and stay still.

Light-collecting devices in the telescope are sensitive enough to detect slight changes in the number of photons emanating from more than 100,000 target stars in the telescope's field of view. Some of the changes will be due to planets passing in front of their parent stars and temporarily blocking a bit of light.

Scientists already have found more than 340 planets circling stars beyond our solar system, but none of those worlds are as small as Earth. Kepler is the first instrument designed solely to hunt Earth-sized worlds circling their parent stars at the proper distance for liquid water to exist. Water is believed to be a necessary ingredient for life.

REUTERS

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Views

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Steve Collins

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The latest bad economic news in Ottawa is that henceforth, there will be less reporting of that news.

A News Ottawa announced this week that it was eliminating its evening and weekend newscasts, and 34 jobs. In all, 118 people were sacked here and at affiliated stations.

The 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts in Ottawa have been replaced with reruns of Twice in a Lifetime and Comedy Now!, respectively. Local information pro-

gramming on the station is not quite dead, just limping badly.

A News' Pembroke operation, the only television presence in the Ottawa Valley, was effectively shuttered, throwing 10 people out of work and leaving the region served by one local videographer and one ads sales rep.

The station is owned by CTVglobemedia, as is local competitor CJOH. And, as the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union pointed out in a press release, the company made commitments to local programming when they bought it.

"CTV's licence approval by the CRTC was partly based on the selling pitch that bigger is better — that the larger corporations would be able to nurture

Who picks up the slack? Some see the Internet as both the problem and the solution for print and broadcast media.

and protect the smaller stations," said Peter Murdoch, the CEP's VP Media. "Yet, at the first sign of bad times, it is the small communities and channels that pay the price. What happened to those promises?"

The short answer is the recession happened. Local and national media have already weathered a beating, and broadcasters are lobbying the CRTC to reduce their local programming obligations and replace lost ad revenue with fees from the cable companies.

This month, the Ottawa Citizen shrank its format by an inch, while assuring readers, "In most cases,

there is no loss of content at all." Now smaller to serve you more affordably.

Who picks up the slack? Some see the Internet as both the problem and the solution for print and broadcast media. So far, it's not happening. Many bloggers, for example, do great work, but most don't have the resources to do actual news gathering.

The bad news is that with fewer journalists reporting on our community, we're all a little worse informed and a little less connected.

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Coke pays '08 CEOs \$4.5M bonuses

Coca-Cola Co. paid Neville Isdell and Muhtar Kent, who each served six months as chief executive last year, \$4.5-million US bonuses that were purely discretionary, according to a regulatory filing. **REUTERS**

Business

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Viability doubts haunt GM

Warning caused by cash burn, need for new financing

General Motors Corp. yesterday said its auditors had raised "substantial doubt" about its ability to survive outside bankruptcy if it fails to stem its losses and stop burning cash.

The "going concern" warning from the struggling U.S. automaker had been expected, but underscored the stakes for GM as it seeks up to \$30 billion US in government aid in the United States to restructure outside a court-supervised bankruptcy process.

GM's shares dropped 17

CAW to begin talks

• The Canadian Auto Workers union said yesterday it will begin exploratory discussions with General Motors of Canada to find cost savings to help

the company qualify for government loans in Canada and the United States. The CAW is aiming to make any agreements by the end of March.

per cent to \$1.82 on the New York Stock Exchange as investors reacted to the news.

GM said its creditors had agreed to waive a requirement that could have allowed them to force the automaker to repay more

than \$6 billion in loans because of the warning in order to allow GM to press its case for government aid.

The automaker had warned late last month that it expected auditors Deloitte & Touche would question its viability after

it reported a loss of nearly \$31 billion for 2008.

The disclosures came in GM's delayed annual report to U.S. securities regulators and a 25-page discussion of the growing risks facing the automaker ranging from tight credit and troubled suppliers to slumping demand.

GM has about \$1 billion in convertible debentures that mature on June 1. Absent a deal to restructure its debt, that looming payment could force GM into bankruptcy, it said.

REUTERS

Credit, debit card probe approved by committee

FINANCE A House of Commons committee agreed yesterday to launch a probe of the credit and debit card industries, a move critics say will pressure the federal government to regulate Canada's payments industry.

Liberal MP Anthony Rota convinced the standing committee on industry, science and technology to undertake a study of credit card interchange fees and the debit payment system. The committee plans to produce recommendations

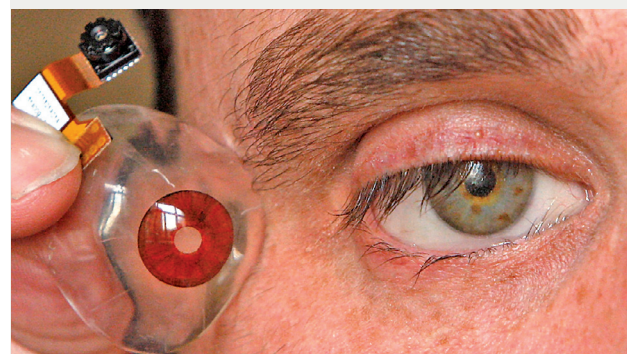
that could serve as the basis for future legislation.

Rota said the catalyst for his motion was the Interac Association's desire to become a for-profit entity — an idea that critics say will lead to higher fees for businesses and consumers.

He said it is also vital to investigate interchange fees — the behind-the-scenes cost that banks charge each other to conduct a transaction — because they can be passed on to consumers.

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Belgium Eye-camera unveiled



Canadian filmmaker Rob Spence, who lost his right eye when he was a child, shows a prototype of a prosthetic eye that will be transformed into a video camera in Brussels, Belgium, Thursday. By using his eye as a wireless video camera, Spence wants to make a documentary about how video and humanity intersect, especially with regards to surveillance.

YVES HERMAN/REUTERS

Business in brief

BIOVAIL Eugene Melnyk did his best in a chaotic time to give investors as much information as he could about a truck accident involving Bio-

vail Corp.'s blockbuster product, his defence lawyer told the Ontario Securities Commission Thursday.

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HOUSING One in eight U.S. homeowners with mortgages, a record share, ended 2008 behind on their loan payments or in the foreclosure process as

job losses intensified a housing crisis spawned by lax lending practices, the Mortgage Bankers Association said Thursday.

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The American Hockey League has suspended Steve Downie of the Norfolk Admirals 20 games for striking an official with a stick Feb. 28. Downie has been in trouble several times before, and was suspended 20 games by the NHL for elbowing Ottawa Senator Dean McAmmond in a 2007 pre-season game. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports



Surgery or no surgery?

Alex Rodriguez has a torn hip labrum and a cyst, but the New York Yankees are opting against surgery for the moment. Rodriguez's brother meanwhile told ESPN yesterday that he will undergo surgery, which would cause him to miss up to 10 weeks. Either way, A-Rod will not play for the Dominican Republic in the World Baseball Classic.

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Mike Comrie scores Thursday night.

Senators snap skid

NHL RESULT

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THE SKINNY: Ottawa snapped a three-game losing streak with a 4-2 victory over the Oilers.

FRANCHISE RECORD: Jason

Spezza scored 12 seconds into the contest setting a franchise record for the fastest goal at the start of a game.

CAMPOLI SCORES: Chris Campoli notched his first goal in a Senators' uniform since coming to Ottawa in a trade with the New York Islanders a couple of weeks ago.

THE NEXT GAME: Ottawa hosts Buffalo Saturday.

MIKE BEASLEY/FOR METRO OTTAWA

Hoping for Dooms day

LAURENCE HEINEN
for Metro Canada

Jason "Dooms" Day will have his hands full when fighting Kendall "Da Spyder" Grove at UFC 96 Saturday in Columbus.

Flashy nicknames aside, Day predicted that his bout against Grove should be a quick one either way.

"It should be a good, hard fight," said Day, who moved to Calgary from Lethbridge, Alta., last September to prepare for the fight. "I see it ending in knockout or a submission. I'm a high-pressure kind of fighter. I don't hold back."

Day, who has a professional record of 17-6, has been in two Ultimate Fighting Championship events and has a record of

1-1. He scored a technical knockout in April of 2008 over Alan Belcher in front of 22,000 fans at the Bell Centre in Montreal.

"It's a rush. It's an adrenaline high," said Day, who lost by TKO in the first round to Michael Bisping two months later in London, England.

"Over there the energy was still crazy. Here the energy was amazing. It was a different feeling having 22,000 people for me as opposed to against me."

This time, the 6-foot-1, 185-pound fighter will

Canadian Jason Day fights Kendall Grove tomorrow.



take on one of his toughest opponents yet. Grove, who won the third season of the reality show The Ultimate Fighter, weighs the same as Day but is five inches taller.

"He's really scrappy," Day said. "He's a tough guy. He doesn't go down easy." Day took up the sport seven years ago and trained out of the Canadian Martial Arts Centre in Lethbridge where an onlooker gave him his "Dooms" Day nickname.

"It grew on me," said the 29-year-old native of Fort MacLeod, who has since moved north to Calgary to train with Brian

Bird, a black belt in Brazilian Ju-Jitsu. "He's sharpening up my ground skills."

Day also credited Calgary-based trainers Eric DeGuzman and Tanya Lee for preparing him for his upcoming fight.

"Calgary's solid," Day proclaimed. "I fell in love with the city. It has everything I need."

"I surrounded myself with really good people there so I have good energy."

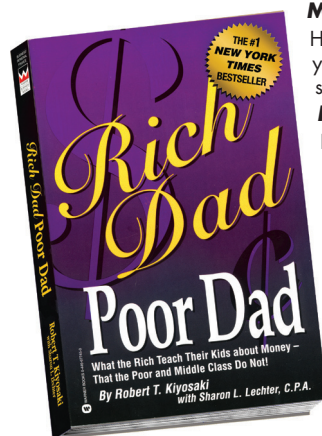
Day is finishing up his training in Hammond, Indiana with Miguel Torres.

"He's got a ton of great guys for me to train with so it's a good environment," said Day, who's tried to cut out any and all distractions.

"I don't have to deal with anything. I can just focus on my fight."

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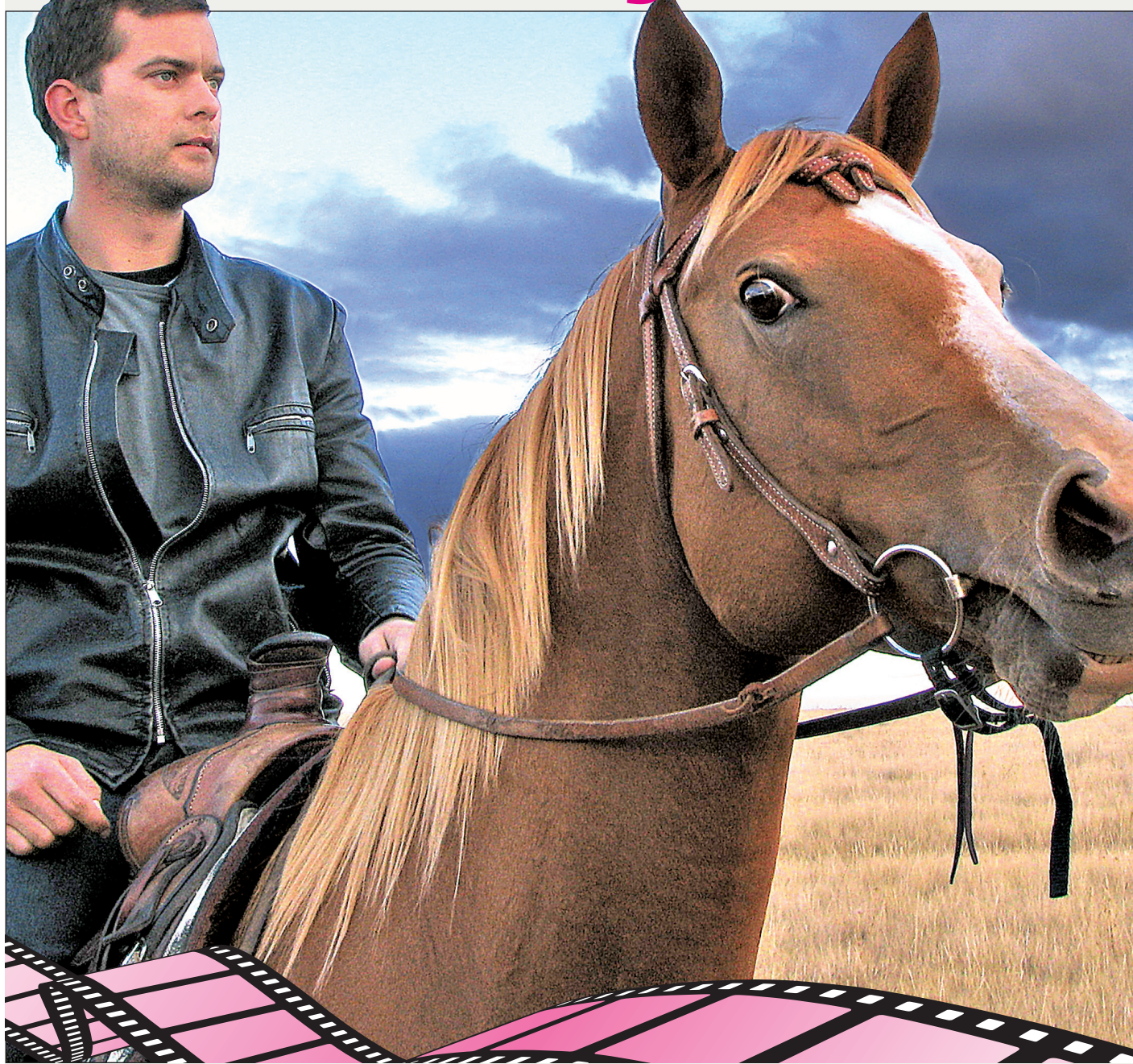
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One Week is your typical road trip flick but the humble practicality of it all is patently Canadian and diverges joyously from other Hollywood productions of the genre. Joshua Jackson and the film's cinematographic scope are both wonders to be seen.

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Canadian charm Week's highlight

One Week

Director: Michael McGowan

Stars: Joshua Jackson, Liane Balaban

Classification: PG

Rating: ●●●●½

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada



One Week, starring Joshua Jackson, is a triumphant little film that neither flaunts the fact it is Canadian nor tries to conceal it.

From Toronto to Tofino, B.C., the cinematography reveals the country's true beauty in modest, Canuck fashion that is not overdone but reminds you why it's so much better to live here than anywhere else.

On the web



• To find out the screen times for One Week, visit metronews.ca/movies

When Ben Tyler (Jackson) learns he's dying from an aggressive form of cancer and has little time left to live, he hops on a motorcycle he purchased on his way home from the doctor's office and heads west. He leaves his practical and adoring fiancée Samantha Pierce (Liane Balaban of New Waterford Girl) behind and hits the road.

The 20-something Toronto English teacher figures he's going to die anyway and wants to hold off on the inevitability of agonizing treat-

ment for as long as he can. Jackson delivers an award-worthy performance and develops a character that is simultaneously pensive and sombre, reckless and joyful as he grapples with the reality of his death sentence.

One moment he shudders in tears and anger at the side of the road after his bike breaks down; the next he performs a ridiculous "happy dance" after surviving a wipeout without so much as a scrape.

Writer and director Michael McGowan ensures the protagonist is neither hero nor victim and Campbell Scott's narration of the journey adds flow and insight to Ben's character.

And although it's your



Liane Balaban and Joshua Jackson star in the Canadian film One Week.

typical road trip flick, the humble practicality of it all is patently Canadian and diverges joyously from other Hollywood productions of the same genre.

Tying it all together are the country's ubiquitous "world's biggest" landmarks

Ben visits on his quest to find meaning including Sudbury's Big Nickel and Medicine Hat's giant Teepee. He also meets a variety of interesting characters along the way like The Tragically Hip's frontman Gordon Downie and Halifax singer/song-

writer Joel Plaskett.

The film is a piece of Canadiana to be proud of that showcases the country's diversity and majestic scenery while following a universal and touching story about life and death.

Watchmen bold, bewildering work of dark fantasy

Watchmen

Director: Zack Snyder

Stars: Jackie Earle Haley, Billy Crudup

Classification: 18A

Rating: ●●●●½

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada



REVIEW Fanatics of Alan Moore's groundbreaking graphic novel Watchmen hold the text in such pious geek reverence that bringing the property to the big screen has been nothing short of intimidating.

And yet, finally, after two decades of hand

changing, here it is in all its big, bloody and ballsy allegorical glory. The grim, noir laced phantasmagoria of faded superheroes and the various inter-personal demons they battle is, under the guidance of 300 director Zack Snyder, a decidedly faithful adaptation.

And while it will no doubt please most of those fickle panel-framed fans, the uninitiated might find it all a bit overwhelming.

Watchmen paints an abstract portrait of a world teetering on the brink of destruction. It's 1985: Nixon is in his third presidential term and cold war tensions between Russia



The silver screen version of the celebrated graphic novel Watchmen hits theatres today.

and the U.S. are at an all time high. Nuclear annihilation appears imminent.

In the peripheral of this volatile alternate reality lurks a handful of aging and deeply troubled former costumed vigilantes who, after one of their

brethren is murdered, begin banding back together to save themselves and the planet they once swore to protect. But all is not what it seems in this weird world and the lines between good and evil are anything but defined.

On the web



• For photos, trailer and screen times for Watchmen, visit metronews.ca/movies

Watchmen is a major work of dark fantasy, throbbing with intellect and oozing retro/futurist style. It might be the boldest genre hybrid since Blade Runner, but it's also jarringly episodic, confusing and occasionally, dramatically inert.

However, every time the picture starts to lag, another slab of visual bravado explodes into frame, redeem-

ing all trespasses and dazzling the senses.

Performances run hot (Jackie Earle Haley is magnetic as the psychotic Rorschach) and cold (Billy Crudup's digitally tweaked reading of the superhuman and super endowed Dr. Manhattan leaves much to be desired) but from the jaw-dropping opening credits on down, this is Snyder's show, a tonal tour de force.

It also boasts the single hottest sex scene since Nicholas Roeg's Don't Look Now, an urgent, kinky and absurd sequence that alone is worth the price of admission.

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Richard Crouse

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"In Canada, films tend to have much smaller budgets than in the States, and that means originality has to be found in the story elements as opposed to buying a giant kit of tricks."

Writer Tony Burgess

Canadians enjoy being scared. The remake of Friday the 13th has pulled almost \$4 million out of our collective pockets since opening at number one four weeks ago and My Bloody Valentine 3-D raked in another \$3 million recently. This weekend a homegrown horror, Pontypool, the story of a language-based virus that turns people into bloody crazed zombies, hopes to match those numbers.

Canadians, it seems, not only like being scared at the movies, we also like making horror movies. The first Canuck film widely distributed in the United States was The Mask, a low budget 3-D thriller about an archaeologist who believes he is cursed by a mask that causes him to have weird nightmares and even murder people.

The Mask was a cheapie knocked out to cash in the 3-D craze started by movies like House of Wax. Although it missed that movement by a few years

it may have inadvertently started a new trend. Since the release of The Mask, which used the tried-and-true 3-D but coupled it with experimental electronic music to heighten its spooky effect, Canadian filmmakers have taken traditional horror concepts and made them their own.

Take for instance Ginger Snaps, the 2000 werewolf story starring Katharine Isabelle as a young girl who morphs into a werewolf. It adroitly plays against the usual horror movie conventions when it comes to portraying teenagers.

The nubile scream queens of Final Destination and Urban Myth are nowhere to be found. Ginger and sister Brigitte are late-bloomers, goth girls who are entering adulthood and experiencing all the traumatic transformations that go along with it. The film's best piece of dark teenage humour is the use of menstruation as a metaphor for turning into a werewolf.

How many hack comics have joked about the beastly effects of PMS? Ginger Snaps takes those

jokes one step further in a wickedly humorous allegory. It's funny, feminist horror.

Other examples of distinctive CanCon horror include Black Christmas, a movie shot in Toronto that set the template for most of the slasher films of the 1980s and '90s; Cannibal Girls, an early horror comedy, and I could write an entire article on David Cronenberg's work alone.

So why does Hollywood North have such a unique take on horror? I asked Pontypool screenwriter Tony Burgess.

"Horror fans are always seeking newness and originality and that's what keeps good horror culture working hard," he said. "In Canada, films tend to have much smaller budgets than in the States, and that means originality has to be found in the story elements as opposed to buying a giant kit of tricks. It's the old cliché about imagination thriving under restrictions."

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrcraos33@hotmail.com.

Amendment brings White House intrigue

PROJECT The 28th Amendment, a long-gestating Warner Bros. project about conspiracy and intimidation at the White House, is close to landing a new director.

The Lives of Others helmer Florian Henckel Von Donnersmarck is in talks to direct the picture, after Neil Jordan had been in discussions to take the helm.

At one point Philip Noyce was connected to the project.

Amendment has been described as The Firm set in the White House. Its premise is that for a good part of the 20th century, the president has been the puppet of a small, lethal gang that kills anyone who defies its wishes.

Alex Kurtzman and

Cruise in the mix

• Tom Cruise is in talks with the director to play president of the United States for The 28th Amendment. Variety reports. EW.COM

Roberto Orci, the writing partners behind Transformers franchise and Paramount's Star Trek reboot, wrote the spec script on which Amendment is based.

Von Donnersmarck's Oscar-winning debut, about a small group of renegades who dare to defy the East German Stasi, touches on themes similar to those in Amendment.

Denzel Washington has long been attached to star in the thriller.

REUTERS

Button star joins Perry's new film

PEOPLE Hot on the heels of the success of Madea Goes to Jail, the top movie in North America for the past two weekends, prolific filmmaker Tyler Perry is about to begin work on his next project.

I Can Do Bad All By Myself, based on Perry's play of the same name, will start shooting on March 16 at his studio in Atlanta. As usual, Perry will write, direct and star in the film. Taraji P. Henson, Oscar nominated for The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, will also star.

Perry's signature character, the indomitable pistol-packing granny Madea, will be featured in the film, which is scheduled for release on Sept. 11 via Lionsgate.

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Dwayne Johnson, a.k.a. The Rock, plays a cab driver in the family-friendly *Race to Witch Mountain*.

Action hero in G territory with Witch Mountain

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



Shortly after he starred in the Disney hit *The Game Plan*, Dwayne Johnson

made a full conversion from winning championship belts and grappling with greased-up gladiators in a wrestling ring, to stealing the title of King of the

Movie feature

Family Comedy.

Now, with no less than two family-friendly films about to come out, the former WWE champ — known as The Rock — won't admit it's a sign he's gone soft.

"It just so happens that I've been offered these roles and they happen to be in a family setting," admitted Johnson during a recent interview in Las Vegas.

"I also love the idea that if you're going to make a family movie and you do it right, then there's a character on screen that every member of the family can relate to."

First up for families is *Race to Witch Mountain* (in theatres next Friday), a reimagining of Disney's 1975 classic *Escape to Witch Mountain*. In this family adventure, Johnson plays a cab driver who escorts a pair of strange teens with paranormal powers in their quest to save the world. It's a thrilling tale that delves into the mysteries of UFOs

and extraterrestrials — a phenomenon Johnson believes in.

"I'd be arrogant to think that we are the only life forms out there," said the actor who researched the subject prior to filming. "When you see this footage and you delve deep into that culture, I've got to contest that you'd be really amazed at what you find."

"I do believe there are other life forms out there. I've never actually seen an alien but I was a big believer before the movie ... and a big believer after."

The one-time WWE champion will next be starring in *The Tooth Fairy* — a comedy about a belligerent hockey player who is forced to become the mystical magic wand-waving title character.

"We're going to introduce the world to our version of the tooth fairy and it's me," laughs Johnson at playing the wholesome tutu-donned pixie. "Whatever you have in your mind and as funny as you think that is, well, it's going to eclipse that."

March to movie world from web

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



FEATURE How do you land a deal to write, direct and star in your own movie with a major film studio? Well, upload your funniest gags on the Internet of course. Hey, it worked for Trevor Moore and Zach Cregger.

Two-fifths of the sketch comedy troupe Whitest Kids U Know, Moore and Cregger somehow went from uploading wacky homemade videos on YouTube to signing a major deal to make the comedy Miss March (in theatres next Friday).

"We owe everything to the Internet," admitted Moore during a recent interview in Toronto. "We started putting our stuff online (right around the time YouTube launched). There wasn't a whole lot of sketch comedy on YouTube yet so we kind of benefitted from just being there right at the beginning."

That they did. But with all the Kids' fame (their web page claims over three million monthly visitors after all), stepping straight into the shoes of big-screen big-wigs would not be an easy adjustment.

"Our show's a low-budget program that I think we make it look really good for the amount of money that we spend on it but our crew is probably 20 people," said Moore. "When we got to the movie, there's like eighty or a hundred people that are all running around and you're like, 'I've never seen that person before; I don't know any of these people' and it was a little overwhelming."

Eventually, Moore and Cregger got over their daunting task and put forth a teen comedy about a young guy who awakens from a coma only to be whisked off on a zany road trip by a pal bent on reuniting him with a high-school sweetheart-turned-Playboy centerfold.

A movie poster for the film "One Week". The background features a man, Joshua Jackson, wearing a dark leather jacket, standing next to a vintage motorcycle parked on a grassy shore. In the background, there's a calm lake reflecting the sky and distant mountains under a cloudy sky. The title "One Week" is written in large white letters at the bottom right. Various promotional quotes and credits are scattered across the top and bottom sections.

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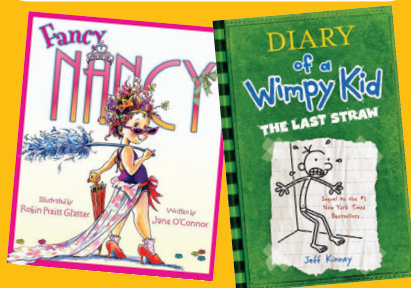
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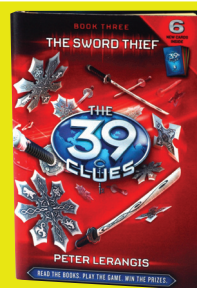
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Defiance (14A) Fri-Thu 10:20-6:30-9:10
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Thu 10:05-12:10-2:30-4:55
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Taken (14A) Fri-Tue 3:30-9 Wed-Thu 9
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Marley et moi (G) Fri-Sun 5:20 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:10
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Push: La division (G) Mon-Thu 9
Twilight: la fascination (G) Fri-Sun 1:40-7-9:05 Mon-Thu 5:15-7-20-9:25
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Push (G) Fri-Thu 6:40
Slumdog Millionaire (STC) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:25-6:50-9:35
Taken (13+) Fri-Thu 1-3:10-7-9:15
The Tale of Despereaux (G) Fri 10
Volt (G) Fri 10:10
Voyage au centre de la Terre (G) Fri 10:20
Watchmen (13+) Fri-Thu 12:15-1:45-3:45-5:30-7:30-9

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Taken (14A) Fri 6:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:50-4:20-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 6-8:30
Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Watchmen (18A) No Passes Fri 6-7-9:45-10:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 12-1:30-3:30-6-7-9:45-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30-8

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Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-7:10-9:45
Taken (14A) Fri-Tue 1:25-3:45-6:50-9:40 Wed 3:45-6:50-9:40 Thu 1:25-3:45-6:50-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
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The Reader (14A) Dolby Stereo Fri-Sun 1:50-4:40-7:25-10:10 Dolby Stereo Mon-Thu 4:40-7:25-10:10

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Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Sun 1:35-4:20-7:15-9:40 SDDS Digital Mon-Wed 4:20-7:15-9:40 SDDS Digital Thu 4:20
Taken (14A) SDDS Digital Fri-Sun 12:15-2:45-5:10-7:45-10:05 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 2:45-5:10-7:45-10:05
The Tale of Despereaux (G) SDDS Digital, Open Captioned Tue-Wed 2:15-4:35
Watchmen (18A) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri 12-12:30-1:15-2:30-3:30-4-4:45-6:15-7-7

The top pop albums, according to Billboard

1. Fearless, Taylor Swift, right; 2. Wrath, Lamb of God; 3. The 3-D Concert Experience Soundtrack, Jonas Brothers; 4. Slumdog Millionaire Soundtrack, Various Artists; 5. Dark Horse, Nickelback. **REUTERS**

Music

Neko Case blends folk and country

Singer-songwriter drops first new album in 3 years

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada



You can't blame anyone for thinking that alt-country songstress Neko Case is Canadian — she recorded parts of her new album in Toronto, she's the main female singer in Vancouver-based power pop band The New Pornographers, she has a degree from a B.C. university — but, and I hate to break it you, she's a full-blooded American.

The Virginia-born singer-songwriter hasn't actually lived in Canada since 1998, but that doesn't mean she doesn't hold the Great White North in high regard.

"It's definitely a huge part of my consciousness," she explains. "When I was a little girl I thought I was Canadian. We lived on the border and only had CBC. I'm American, but I feel like I'm North American."

While Case currently resides on a large farm in Vermont ("I like farms and the wilderness and the trees," she says) she

"When I was a little girl I thought I was Canadian. We lived on the border and only had CBC. I'm American, but I feel like I'm North American."

Neko Case

doesn't rule out a return to Canada — but only if our immigration rules change.

"I'm not willing to get married to move somewhere, but if Canada lets me in full time, I would do it," she says on the phone from her U.S. abode.

Until that happens, Canadians can only hope that the red haired guitarist will keep churning out records, both solo and with the New Pornographers, and visiting her other homeland for gigs.

Unfortunately, it took three years for Case to release *Middle Cyclone*, the follow-up to Fox Confessor Brings the Flood, so don't expect another disc from her for a while. She says



Middle Cyclone, the new album from Neko Case, was released this week.

In concert

- Neko Case plays Le National in Montreal on April 14.

it's impossible to release music any faster.

"I have another full-time band," she says. "And I like to keep touring. I like to milk it. I don't work on a schedule, I just record when the Pornographers are done."

Luckily, each solo disc is worth the wait. Her latest delivers another batch of twangy folk-meets-country tracks, each one more infectious than the next. Case says the new disc is about love, but it's not what you think.

"It's not the man-woman relationship song," she says. "I don't think I'm very good at writing those types of tunes. I generally write about situations and characters, or when it's a tornado in love with a person."

She's not kidding, more than one song discusses tornados, while others delve into the relationships between people, nature and animals. Case isn't sure why she was drawn to violent wind storms, but maybe it has something to do with her second home.

"I've been obsessed with tornados and I've always liked nature and animals," she says. "Maybe it's part

of my Canadian subconscious. I've got some Canadian in me and I need to let it out."

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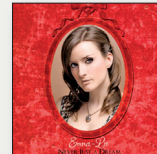


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Tear up the floor

Shout Out Out Out Out mash beats and synths

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada



When I catch Nik Kozub, co-founder of Edmonton electro group Shout Out Out Out Out, on the phone he tells me he's about to go to work. I was confused — isn't he about to release his band's new album? Why's he recording again? He quickly sets the record straight. "I'm mixing my dad's album," he explains. "He brings me to work on

his records."

His father, Wilfred Kozub, frontman for Wilfred N & The Grown Men, has been making rock music since the early '80s, and while the two haven't collaborated on a song yet, it's pops that's responsible for his son's love of club beats and synth sounds.

"I grew up around an 808 (a digital drum machine) and a lot of my synths were inherited from my dad," says Kozub.

While the E-Town song-

writer has made his name twisting knobs and slamming keys with the Shout Outs, his love for everything electronic is a recent development. The band is made up of recovering rockers — Kozub played with Luke Doucet in Veal — so when the six-piece saw their debut disc, Not Saying/Just Saying, receive critical acclaim and a Juno nom they were floored.

"We certainly didn't expect anyone to care," says Kozub. "We started the



Edmonton electro group Shout Out Out Out Out dropped new album Reintegration Time this week.

band as something different and interesting for us as individuals who have played in a bunch of rock and punk bands for years."

Now that the project has turned into a full time job, the group has gotten seri-

ous about their new record Reintegration Time. It picks up where their last disc left off — brooding minimalist beats, techno heavy synths and catchy, but not overpowering lyrics.

Getting the sound they wanted this time around wasn't as easy as it was before. The Shout Outs were so careful about crafting the right disc, it took them six months to get it done.

"It took us a lot longer than we thought," says Kozub. "One thing we wanted to do this time around was create a dense and textural disc, with more of a focus on the electronic music side of things."

While it's too early to say whether all the hard work will result in a Juno win this time around, it's a safe bet that more and more fans will flock to these rockers-turned-dance floor fanatics.

"A lot of people who have traditionally grown up listening to rock bands are now seeing that dance music is pretty fun," says Kozub. "But I think for a lot of people they still like to have a live band element. Sure, our band is trying to make full on techno music, but just because we are who we are we can't help but put a live band feel to what we're doing."

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do it at one of nearly 50 venues over the course of just five nights.

So for those not heading to Toronto next week, I've compiled a list of bands most likely to make some noise at CMW. Watch for them in your town.

• **The Waking Eyes:** This Winnipeg band's albums are very good, but they're best experienced live. They're turning into our own Flaming Lips.

• **Kate Rogers Band:** I've been watching London, Ont.'s Kate Rogers for a while now. Don't be fooled by her gentle acoustic sound. There's some real intensity below the surface.

• **Fred:** A five-piece from Cork, Ireland, of whom not a single member is named Fred. Fun and intelligent pop-rock. Three top 10 hits and a gold record at home, too.

• **Inward Eye:** Laid end-to-end, Winnipeg's Erickson brothers give you more than 20 feet of Who-like awesomeness.

• **Down by Webster:** Hey, Gene Simmons liked this Toronto band enough for them to be the first signing to his new Canadian record label.

More at www.cmw.net

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- 1 Crack A Bottle Eminem
- 2 Live Your Life T.I. ft. Rihanna
- 3 Right Now Akon
- 4 Right Round Flo Rida
- 5 Heartless Kanye West
- 6 Single Ladies Beyoncé
- 7 Poker Face Lady Gaga
- 8 Love Story Taylor Swift
- 9 Sex On Fire Kings Of Leon
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Great Big screen debut

Great Big Sea's Alan Doyle has been tapped to appear in the upcoming Ridley Scott/Brian Grazer Robin Hood film starring Russell Crowe and Cate Blanchett. Doyle will appear as Allan A'Dayle in the film. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



The art of the comedy band

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada



If you think it's hard being a singer in a rock band, imagine trying to hit every note and make your audience laugh at the same time. It's a task only musical comedy acts have to face, and it's not as easy as it looks.

"A lot of people do really bad musical comedy," says Sean Cullen, one of Cana-

da's most popular comedy singers and a former member of Corky and the Juice Pigs. "A lot of people tend to pick up a guitar and sing a song; it's often quite terrible."

When it's done right, though, joke bands can win over fans in both the music and comedy worlds. Just look at New Zealand duo Flight of the Conchords, who not only launched the second sea-

son of their hilarious TV show on Jan. 18, but won a Grammy for best comedy album last year.

Other acts — Tenacious D, Andy Samberg's The Lonely Island — are making it easier for up and coming artists to connect with audiences, which, says Cullen, are often weary of musical comedy bands.

But, getting to the point where an act can play theatres or packed clubs is no

easy task.

"Standups think musical comedy is a hacky thing to do. They think it's cheating," says Cullen. "And ever since we've started we've had musicians saying they hate joke bands."

"I never get respect from the media or booking agents," adds Hamilton-based B.A. Johnston, who tours bars rather than comedy clubs.

Winning people over is

challenging, not just because these acts have to make their audience laugh, but they have to write good music too. John Catucci, one half of The Doo Wops, writes everything from emo to pop and heavy metal. But when it comes down to it "if the song isn't good it just doesn't fit," he says.

"You have to appeal on a couple levels to be really successful," Johnson adds. "You want it to be funny



Comedy rocker B.A. Johnston.

and people need to personally connect with it. You want it catchy, and so you have to write a good song."

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The so-called King of Pop launches 'final' comeback

Pop star Michael Jackson announced his long-awaited comeback yesterday, telling hundreds of screaming fans he would perform in London this summer and calling it his "final curtain call" in the city.

Wearing a military-style black jacket decorated with silver sequins and punching the air, the 50-year-old revealed his plans on a makeshift stage at the 20,000-capacity O2 Arena where he will play 10 dates starting on July 8.

"Thank you all ... this is it," said Jackson from behind a pair of dark glasses.

"These will be my final shows ... performances in London. When I say this is it, I mean this is it. I'll be performing the songs my fans want to hear. This is it, this is really it, this is the final curtain call."

Music promoter AEG Live, which has signed a deal with Jackson, said that the 10-show Las Vegas-style "residency" could be extended if there was sufficient demand for tickets.

AEG Live president and CEO Randy Phillips did not rule out further cooperation with one of the world's biggest music stars, telling Reuters that his company had a three-and-a-half-year plan to work with Jackson.

"He could gross well over \$400 million over the three and a half years," he said.

The agreement could involve developing a big-screen version of Jackson's hit song and video Thriller.

Asked about concerns over Jackson's health in recent years, Phillips said Jackson had passed a four-and-a-half hour physical examination with independent doctors.

Fallen Idol

Jackson, still viewed as The King of Pop, has lived the life of a virtual recluse since his acquittal of child abuse charges at a 2005 trial.

His last album of

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Michael Jackson

new material was Invincible, released in 2001, and his position as one of pop music's biggest

acts has been increasingly overshadowed by bizarre behaviour, a changing appearance and questions about his health.

But fans in London were not concerned.

"Of course it's worth it," said Shuhena Begum, who travelled from the city of Birmingham

to see Jackson. "My whole family is mad about Michael — he's the greatest," the 21-year-old added.

She said

much of the negative press about Jackson in recent years was unjustified.

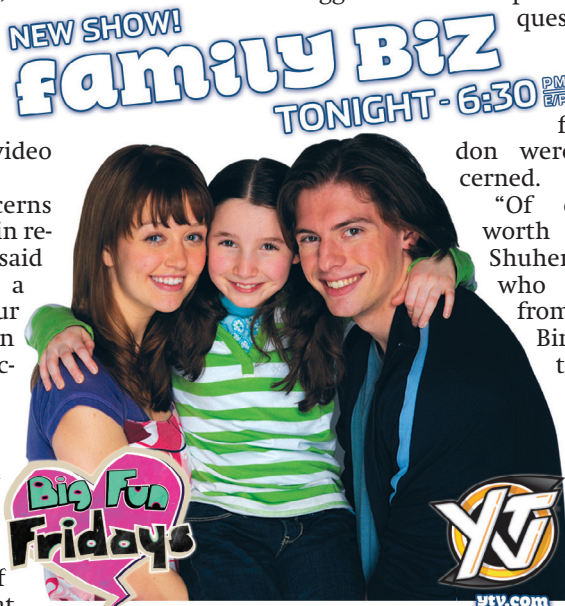
"People are out there trying to look like Barbie dolls and yet no one says anything about them, but whenever it's Michael it's different."

There has been skepticism that Jackson is capable of playing a string of gigs, and this would be his first concert series in 12 years. British bookmaker William Hill has already offered odds that Jackson would not turn up for the performances.

He is one of the biggest pop stars of all time, with an estimated 750 million records sold. Thriller, released in 1982, is the best selling album ever.

If he can pull it off, the string of concerts at a single venue would be both lucrative and less demanding than a full-fledged tour. But if the comeback fails to materialize, or is regarded as a flop, Jackson would find it harder than ever to resurrect a career that has lain lifeless for so long.

REUTERS



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ZillionTV to embark on personalized TV

TV Five major Hollywood studios have reached deals to provide content to a newly established personalized TV service called ZillionTV, the privately-held company said.

Through deals with Walt Disney Co., General Electric Co.'s, NBC Universal, News Corp.'s Twentieth Century Fox, Time Warner Inc.'s Warner Bros. and Sony Corp., who are all stakeholders,

ZillionTV will offer on-demand content delivered to TV via the web.

The service also lets viewers personalize advertising categories and then inserts commercials into programs based on

user preferences. Viewers will also be able to buy items on the spot through a store operated by Visa Inc., another ZillionTV stakeholder.

Currently in beta version, ZillionTV said it

plans and hopes to ultimately deliver the most extensive on-demand entertainment library available in the United States, with 15,000 titles by the end of 2009.

REUTERS

YouTube, Universal talk on music site

VIDEO Google Inc.'s YouTube and Universal Music Group are in talks to create a premium online music video service, sources familiar with the situation said Wednesday.

Universal, the world's largest music label, and YouTube, the No. 1 U.S. video website, are in talks to create a stand-alone site to showcase music videos by Universal artists, according to three sources who were not authorized to speak publicly about the matter.

The deal would ideally be broadened out to include videos by artists at the other major music labels — Sony Music, EMI Group and Warner Music Group — in a concept similar to the TV shows available on NBC Universal and News Corp's Hulu.com.

Many of the details, such as financial terms and whether the service would be run as a joint venture, are still being worked out, the sources said.

"UMG CEO Doug Morris came up with this idea to do a Hulu for music but only with premium music content," said one of the persons familiar with the matter, adding that other music companies have expressed interest. "We literally just started negotiations."

Referred to by the name of Vevo, the site would carry premium music videos designed to garner higher advertising rates than now available through YouTube.

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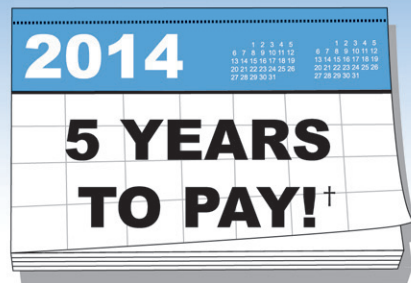
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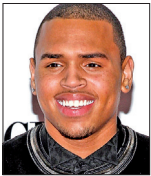
Chris Brown charged, appears in L.A. court

LEGAL Singer Chris Brown was charged Thursday with felony assault and making criminal threats in what prosecutors say was an attack on his girlfriend, the pop star Rihanna.

Brown, 19, appeared briefly in Los Angeles Superior Court Thursday afternoon but did not enter a plea to the charges. His arraignment was postponed until April 6.

Brown allegedly attacked Rihanna, 21, the night before the Feb. 8 Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

Local FOX-11 news in Los Angeles, citing a search warrant affidavit filed by police detectives, reported the couple argued in a car after Rihanna read a lengthy text message from another woman on Brown's phone. According to the documents, Brown tried to



Chris Brown

push Rihanna from his rented Lamborghini but couldn't because she was wearing a seatbelt.

Brown then shoved Rihanna's head against the passenger window and repeatedly punched her in the face, spattering blood in the car and on her clothing and filling her mouth with blood, FOX said.

During the beating, Rihanna left a message for an assistant to have police waiting at home, FOX reported, prompting Brown to tell her: "You just did the stupidest thing ever. I'm going to kill you."

According to the affidavit, Brown then continued to punch Rihanna, bit her ear and finger and put her into a headlock until she nearly lost consciousness. **REUTERS**

Entertainment in brief

TELEVISION Fox has set a premiere date for its Osbourne family show, giving the comedy project a lead-in from American Idol. Osbournes: Reloaded

will debut Tuesday, March 31, taking the spot of Fringe for a one-time airing, then run as a series of one-hour specials later in the season. **REUTERS**

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Silverman latest economic casualty?

The economic downturn is jeopardizing The Sarah Silverman Program, one of Comedy Central's signature series.

The show's executive producers — Silverman, Dan Sterling and Rob Schrab — have threatened to quit after the network told them the budget for their series would be slashed by more than 20 per cent.

More than two months after Sarah Silverman ended its second season, the show has yet to be renewed for Season 3. (In

Comedy Central talks ongoing

- As of last Friday, the situation remained at a standstill. Both sides continued their back-and-forth last weekend.
- A resolution is expected as early as Monday. People close to the situation are confident a deal will be reached.

2007, the second-season pickup came 11 days after the series' premiere.)

At the centre of the holdup is the proposed budget for Season 3. Citing cuts imposed on the network by parent company MTV Networks, Comedy Central had proposed that

the trio bring back the show to about \$850,000 US an episode, sources said, down from \$1.1 million an episode in the second season.

MTV Networks' parent Viacom in December laid off seven per cent of its work force, though Come-

dy Central largely was spared because it had been through the wringer following Time Warner's 2003 acquisition of half the network.

Concerned they won't be able to maintain the integrity of the show at the discounted price, Silverman, on behalf of the three executive producers, informed the network late last week that they can't proceed with a third season. The move reportedly forced Comedy Central's top brass into action to find a compromise. **REUTERS**

FRIDAY

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3/6/09	265	353	2	TVO	Britain From Above (N)		The Agenda With Steve Paikin		Heartbeat		Allan Gregg	Film 101	Agenda-Paikin	
	211	331	3	GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	Howie Do It (N)	Howie Do It	(9:01) Dollhouse (N)	NUMB3RS "First Law"		News		
	209	342	6	CHRO	Instant Star	TMZ (N)	Sarah Connor Chronicles	(9:01) Supernanny	Whistler (DVS)		Comedy Now			
	196	311	7	CTV	Hollywood	etalk	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Flashpoint (HDTV) (N)	Raising the Bar (N)		News (N)			
	208	303	8	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate (N)		CBC News: The National			
	-	360	9	NBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Howie Do It (N)	Howie Do It	Friday Night Lights (N)		Dateline NBC	News (N)		
	-	362	13	CBS	Dr. Phil (HDTV) (N)		Ghost Whisperer (N)	Flashpoint (HDTV) (N)	NUMB3RS "First Law"		Two/Half Men			
	216	395	14	OMN2	Raymond	Raymond	News (N)	News (N)	2Half Men		King	Cold Case		
	214	344	15	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Mantracker	Survivorman	Out There		Out There	News (N)		
	218	345	18	E!	The Insider (N)	E! News	Friday Night Lights (N)		20/20 (HDTV) (N)		20/20 (HDTV)		News (N)	
3/6/09	-	361	20	ABC	News (N)	Entertainment	Wife Swap (N)	20/20 (HDTV) (N)		20/20 (HDTV)		News (N)		
	-	365	36	FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	Sarah Connor Chronicles	(9:01) Dollhouse (N)		News (N)		News		
	500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown: No Bias	Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)				
	406	417	27	net	UFC: Access	College Hockey	Boston College at Northeastern (HDTV) (Live)			Sportsnet Con.		Baseball: World Classic		
	126	730	28	RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Les Grands reportages		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI en direct	Le National	Le Téléjournal	
	400	280	30	TSN	NBA Basketball	Miami Heat at Toronto Raptors (HDTV) (Live)			SportsCentre		That's Hockey!	SportsCentre		
	554	544	48	TEL	Totally Spies	Total Drama	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Batman: Gotham Knight (2008, Action)			Batman: Goth	
	557	540	51	FAM	Wizards-Place	Life Is Ruff (2005, Comedy) Kyle Massey.			Magic in the Water ★★ (1995, Fantasy)		(10:40) You've Got Mail			
	551	542	65	YTV	Fat Albert ★★ (2004, Comedy) Kenan Thompson.			Prank Patrol		Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Adrenaline Proj	Mystery Hnt.	
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	520	505	42	DIS	Daily Planet (N)		Discovery Project Earth		Man vs. Wild "Belize" (N)		Deranged (N)		Daily Planet	
	581	566	53	MTV	4REAL	City Live After	Made "Wakeboarder"		The Real World		The City	The City	City Live After	
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	603	561	95	FN	Chef at Home	Chef at Home	Restaurant Makeover		Kylie Kwong	Gourmets	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay Kitchn	
3/7/09	265	353	2	TVO	Bug Attack		Rich Kids ★★ (1979, Drama) Trini Alvarado		The Interviews		Living Out Loud (1998, Comedy-Drama)			
	211	331	3	GTV	To Be Announced		Masterminds		Masterminds		Brothers & Sisters "Troubled Waters" (HDTV)			
	209	342	6	CHRO	The Road to Avonlea		Alice's Odyssey (2002, Fantasy) Sophie Lorain				Comedy Now (DVS)			
	196	311	7	CTV	W-FIVE		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Without a Trace (HDTV)		Law & Order "Chattel"			
	208	303	8	CBC	NHL Hockey: Regional Coverage -- Sabres at Senators or Oilers at Maple Leafs						NHL Hockey: Sharks at Canucks			
	-	360	9	NBC	Paid Program		Wheel-Fortune		The Celebrity Apprentice		Law & Order "Chattel"			
	-	362	13	CBS	Judge-Brown		The Insider (N)		Without a Trace (HDTV)		48 Hours Mystery (N)			
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	214	344	15	CITY	Without a Trace		Murdoch Mysteries		Android Apocalypse (2006, Science Fiction)					
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3/7/09	-	361	20	ABC	Fighting for Life		Funniest Home Videos		Brothers & Sisters "Troubled Waters" (HDTV)					
	-	365	36	FOX	Bernie Mac		Seinfeld		Cops (N)		Cops			
	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom				Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live			
	406	417	27	net	Baseball: World Classic				Baseball World Classic -- Italy vs. Venezuela. (Live)					
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	616	521	39	SHO	Mutant X				All the Good Ones Are Married (2007, Drama) Daryl Hannah.					
	520	505	42	DIS	MythBusters Whirlpools.				Investigation X (N)		Investigation X (N)			
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	-	365	36	FOX	Hole in the Wall (N)				The Simpsons					

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: What's hot right now

1 No Line On The Horizon: U2

ALBUM In the pop culture sphere this week, there's nothing bigger than the 12th full-length effort from the world's biggest band. Critics may be divided over the relevance of the Irish lads but their weeklong residency on David Letterman is reasons enough to pay attention.

2 Watchmen

FILM The superhero movie genre takes another leap forward with this dark, existential tale of reluctant vigilantes. True to the spirit of the original graphic novel, the Zack Snyder-helmed film does away with caped crusader niceties.

3 Late Night with Jimmy Fallon

SHOW Conan O'Brien's comic mantle fell on Saturday Night Live veteran Jimmy Fallon, and the Fever Pitch star seems to have rocked the coveted slot. In fact, Fallon beat CBS' Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson by a 35-per-cent margin.

4 Rihanna/Chris Brown

GOSSIP The rumour mills are working overtime to get the juice on the alleged violence between the R&B couple and the reconciliatory aftermath. According to the grapevine, wedding talk is in the air. Next up: Baby news?

5 Killzone 2

GAME This PS3-only showpiece is right on target with its to-die-for visuals, using the console's raw power to the max.

6 The Bachelor

TV Eligible guy Jason Mesnick proposes to show winner Melissa Rycroft, dumps her a few weeks later and goes for runner-up Molly Malaney.

7 M.A. on The Beatles

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HOT & HAPPENING WEEKEND EVENTS AROUND THE CITY

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Jim Bryson

When: Sunday, 8 p.m.
Where: Irving Greenberg Theatre Centre, 1233 Wellington St. W

The Ottawa Folk Festival and GCTC present a special Acoustic Waves concert with Jim Bryson and Meredith Luce. Tickets are \$20 through the GCTC box office, 613-236-5196.



Sloan live

When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: The LiVE Lounge, 126.5 York St.

Beloved Canadian rockers Sloan play an up close and personal show, with guests St. Joe's Mission and The Prefect. This is a 19+ show. For tickets visit capitaltickets.ca.



The Balconies

When: Friday, 8:30 p.m.
Where: Black Sheep Inn, 420 Riverside Dr., Wakefield

Poppy Ottawa trio The Balconies play an energetic show, with guests Amos the Transparent. Tickets are \$7 in advance through ticketweb.ca or \$10 at the door.

Women Behind The Lens

When: Friday, 6 p.m.
Where: The New Bayou, 1077 Bank St.

In honour of International Women's Week, photographers Valerie Hoffman and Jeannie Ryan have put together a photography exhibit by women for women. Music by Jamie C and Kitty Funkalicious. The event is free, but donations to St. Joe's Women's Centre are encouraged.

Nunsense

When: Friday through March 15, 8 p.m.
Where: CentrepoinTE Theatre, 101 CentrepoinTE Dr.

The hilarious "mega musical" about a group of nuns who stage a talent show to raise money is brought to stage by Orpheus Musical Society. Tickets are \$28-\$35 through centrepointetheatre.com.

Disco Days and Boogie Nights

When: Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Southam Hall, National Arts Centre
The NAC Orchestra and CTV Pops with

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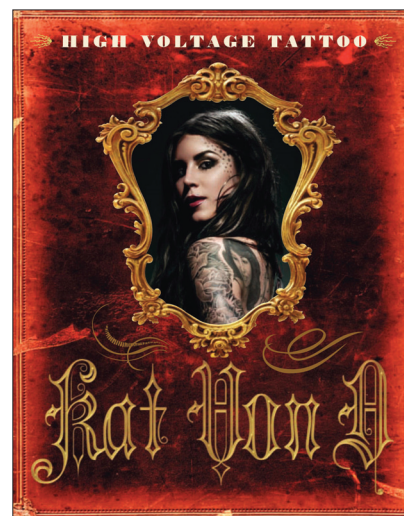
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Taylor welcomes baby daughter

Get out the pink booties. Supermodel Niki Taylor and her husband, NASCAR driver Burney Lamar, welcomed their new daughter into the world on Wednesday — the day before Taylor's birthday. **PEOPLE.COM**

The Beatles go digital

Video game inspired by legendary band hits stores Sept. 9

Fans of The Beatles who have always wanted to sing alongside John and Paul, or rock with George and Ringo, will finally get their chance on Sept. 9 when the band's much-anticipated video game hits the shelves.

Apple Corps, which handles the affairs of the group, and MTV Networks Thursday set the sale date and announced the software would be priced at \$59.99. Fans can spend another \$99.99 to buy instruments similar to those used by the groundbreaking rock and roll group.

The Beatles: Rock Band will be available simultaneously at locations in North America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand on Sept. 9, 2009 — a date



Paul McCartney circa 1976.

picked to acknowledge the significance of the number 9 for the band.

The video game is based on MTV's popular Rock Band and will "allow fans to pick up the guitar, bass,

mic or drums and experience The Beatles extraordinary catalogue of music through gameplay that takes players on a journey through the legacy and evolution of the band's legendary career," the companies said in a statement.

The Beatles: Rock Band will be compatible with Microsoft Xbox 360, Sony Playstation 3, and Nintendo Wii entertainment systems. Existing Rock Band instrument controllers can be used to play the game.

Since the initial announcement last October, few details have been released about the game and the companies have yet to disclose some specifics, such as which songs from the library will be in-

cluded.

Once released, the video game will mark the band's first leap into the world of digital music. Beatles' songs are still unavailable on Apple's iTunes, for instance, as surviving members of the group and their representatives have closely guarded the distribution of their music.

Other major rock and roll bands, such as Aerosmith, The Rolling Stones, AC/DC, have made their music available for sale online and have licensed music to Rock Band or Activision Blizzard's competing Guitar Hero game.

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Former 'Angel' has a passion for hair

BEAUTY Actress Jaclyn Smith, one of the glamorous stars of the 1970s TV series *Charlie's Angels*, was laughed at when she launched her own clothing line at low-priced department store Kmart.

Now, in the recession, she's the one laughing loudest.

As the economy forces Americans to cut back on spending, more people are looking to cheaper stores to buy their clothes and other household items.

"With our economy where it is today, it could not be a better place to shop. No one is teasing me any more. They are probably envious," Smith, 61,

told Reuters in a telephone interview, adding that 100 million women have bought her clothes since 1985.

"Now everybody is into branding ... Sarah Jessica Parker has a line that is moderately priced. People are following my trend."

As well as running her own collection of women's apparel for Kmart, Smith also has her own home



Actress Jaclyn Smith

furnishings line, Jaclyn Smith Home, and recently added a collection of wigs to her line of businesses in collaboration with wig specialist Paula Young.

"Some people have health issues and need wigs but with actresses today you constantly see changes of style and color, and the wig can help create the role," she explained.

Smith, who as Kelly Garrett was the only original "Angel" in the detective series for its five year run from 1976 to 1981, is currently the hostess of reality television show *Shear Genius* that focuses on hair styling.

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Pitt determined to make it right

CHARITY Brad Pitt stepped away from movies yesterday and put his political hat on to meet Nancy Pelosi, America's Speaker of the House, female-first.co.uk reports.

The movie star is in Washington, D.C., with his partner Angelina Jolie, who is shooting new thriller Salt in the U.S. capital, and Pitt is using his time there to make a political statement.

A spokesman for Pelosi's office states, "They will be discussing (Pitt's) Make it Right, a project launched in 2007 to construct affordable and environmentally sustainable housing for low-income residents of the Lower 9th Ward in New Orleans who lost their homes as a result of Hurricane Katrina."

Pitt has been a big part of the rebuilding process in New Orleans, with his project providing funding for a number of re-housing schemes in the area. He created the Make It Right Foundation New Orleans back in 2006 to finance the re-building of 150 new houses. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Wise words from mom: Stay single

PEOPLE Paris Hilton has been told to stay single by her mother, female-first.co.uk reports.

The blond beauty has been given some words of wisdom by Kathy Hilton, who believes her daughter feels under pressure to constantly have a boyfriend.

She said: "My dating advice for Paris would be just to take your time. It is OK to be alone. You don't have to always be with someone."

The 28-year-old hotel heiress recently took her latest love interest — Doug Reinhardt from The Hills — home to meet her parents just weeks after splitting from Good Charlotte rocker Benji Madden.

Despite warning her daughter to slow down, Kathy admits Reinhardt was "very nice."



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Time apart keeps passion alive, Eva says

MARRIAGE Desperate Housewives star Eva Longoria believes that distance does indeed make the heart grow fonder. She credits the success of her marriage to San Antonio Spurs star Tony Parker to the fact that they spend so much time apart: Her show shoots in L.A., and his team is based in Texas. When they do see each other, "it is a honeymoon, because we only have three days together and we hardly fight because we know we don't have much time," Longoria says, according to Hollyscoop. "All the little things that couples argue about — we let them slide."

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Vince engaged

SHOW Vince Vaughn, who's been off the radar since splitting with Jennifer Aniston back in 2006, has reportedly popped the question to girlfriend Kyla Weber, whom he's been quietly dating since last summer.

The Wedding Crashers star asked the Canadian real estate agent to marry him over Valentine's Day, according to Star magazine.

"They spent a romantic weekend together. He dropped to one knee to propose and presented her with a gorgeous \$125,000 four-carat diamond set in platinum," a source tells the magazine.

"They'll have their wedding either in L.A. or Alberta, and they're both ready to start a family immediately."

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Katie's cover shot makes Lohan livid

CAT FIGHT Lindsay Lohan is feuding with Katie Holmes, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

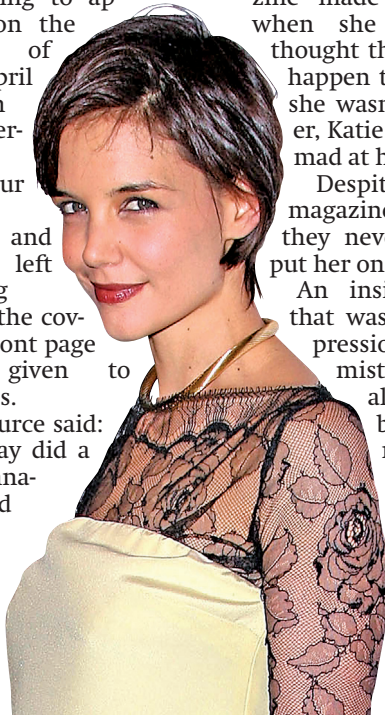
The Mean Girls star was expecting to appear on the cover of the April edition of America's Glamour magazine and was left fuming when the coveted front page was given to Holmes.

A source said: "Lindsay did a Madonna-themed photo shoot and was totally under the impression it would be the cover."

"Her Marilyn Monroe shoot for New York Magazine made her relevant when she did it, she thought the same would happen this time. Only she wasn't on the cover, Katie was, and she's mad at her now."

Despite her gripe, magazine sources insist they never planned to put her on the cover. An insider said: "If that was Lindsay's impression, it was a mistake. She was always going to be inside the magazine."

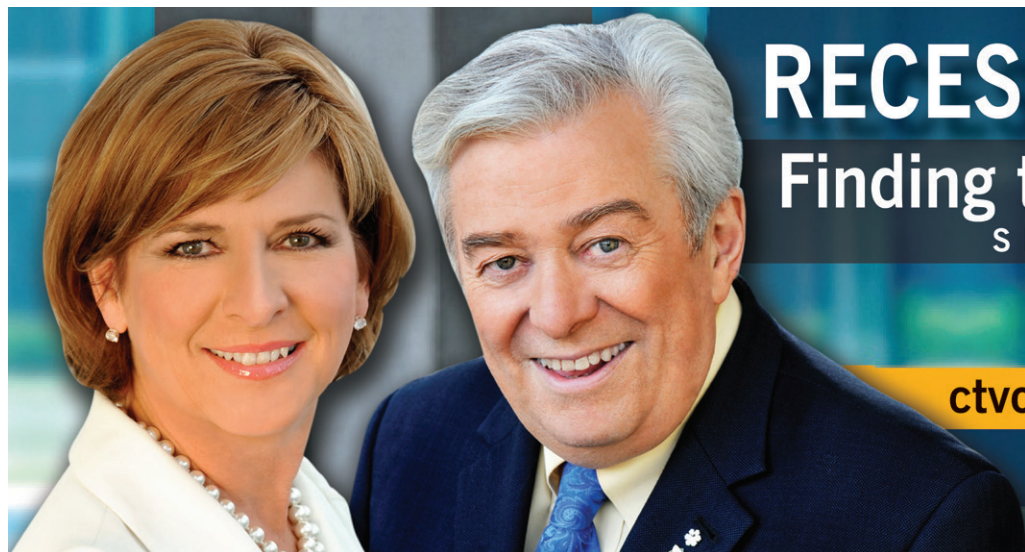
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Radiohead gives Miley cold shoulder

PEOPLE It looks like not everyone is a Miley Cyrus fan. The 16-year-old Disney star admitted recently to the Vancouver Sun that she was snubbed at the Grammys by Thom Yorke and his band, Radiohead. Not only did the band refuse to come meet her, they wouldn't even let her visit their dressing room. "But they were like, 'We don't really do that,'" she said.

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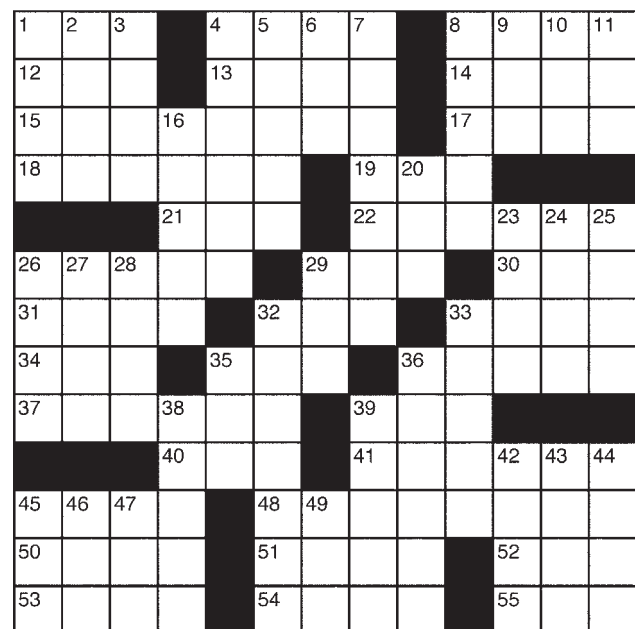
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| 8 Consider | 30 Galena, e.g. | 48 Break into factions |
| 12 Sailor's assent | 31 Peregrinate | 50 Theatre award |
| 13 Clean | 32 Snoop | 51 Links props |
| 14 Gumbo ingredient | 33 Cheshire countenance | 52 Rotating part |
| 15 Track star, maybe | 34 Lemieux milieu | 53 Sport |
| 17 Round figure? | 35 Fella | 54 Lip |
| 18 Recluse | 36 Gleam | 55 Storefront-sign abbr. |
| 19 Banjo's kin | 37 "The Caretaker" playwright | |
| 21 Whichever | 39 Inseparable | |
| 22 Discontent time? | 40 Parisian pal | |
| 26 Yuletide pun- | | |

Crossword down

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| 1 Cumberbund | 27 Places |
| 2 Advertise big-time | 28 It takes the cake |
| 3 Frau's mate | 29 Sauté |
| 4 Canopy | 32 Sticklers |
| 5 Nuts | 33 First American orbiter |
| 6 Work with | 35 Jewel |
| 7 High-speed road | 36 Type of layered rock |
| 8 Doughnut-shop order | 38 Diminish gradually |
| 9 — out a living | 39 Lecher's looks |
| 10 Screw up | 42 Leave a good impression? |
| 11 VIP in China's history | 43 Posterior |
| 16 Mirror's offering | 44 Weaponry |
| 20 Breakfast-cereal name | 45 Despondent |
| 23 Spelling or Amos | 46 Copper head? |
| 24 Green land | 47 "Mamma — !" |
| 25 "Monopoly" payment | 49 Shooter ammo |
| 26 Suitcase | |

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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13-17 min	Scholar	21-25 min	Not bad
		25+ min	Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Chicken and Potato Curry

INGREDIENTS:

1 chicken, about 3 lbs (1.35 kg), cut into 8 pieces
1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground turmeric
1-1/2-in. (4-cm) piece fresh ginger, peeled and finely chopped
juice of 1/2 lemon
pinch of salt
2 tbsp (25 ml) canola oil
1 dried red chili pepper, halved
1 tsp (5 ml) brown or black mustard seeds
1/2 tsp (2 ml) fennel seeds
1/2 tsp (2 ml) cumin seeds
1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cinnamon
1 tbsp (15 ml) gram (i.e. pulse) flour
3 garlic cloves, roughly crushed
1/2 green pepper, thinly sliced
1 large onion, sliced
14-oz (398-ml) can chopped tomatoes
2 potatoes, peeled
2 cups (500 ml) thinly sliced cabbage
1 cup (250 ml) frozen peas, thawed and drained

METHOD:

1. Remove skin from chicken. Cut 3-4 slashes in chicken, right to bones. Mix turmeric, ginger, lemon juice and a little salt, then rub all over chicken pieces. Leave to

marinate 30 minutes in a cool place.
2. Heat oil in large, heavy-based frying pan. Add dried chili pepper and mustard, fennel and cumin seeds, and let splutter and pop for a few minutes. Stir in cinnamon and gram flour. Watch carefully so spices do not burn.
3. Add garlic, pepper and onion to spice mixture and cook a few minutes, stirring. Add chicken and tomatoes and stir. Cover and cook 15 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, cook potatoes in a pot of boiling water for 5 minutes. Drain and cut into bite-sized pieces. Blanch cabbage in separate pot of boiling water 1 minute, then drain.
5. Add potatoes and cabbage to curried chicken and stir. Cover pan and continue to simmer over moderately low heat 20-25 minutes, or until chicken is completely cooked and tender. Add peas and warm through.

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AVATAR VENUS

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

A man is conspicuous by being anxious. You'll get no satisfaction from lying. Don't play meaningless games.



TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

A peer makes your effort succeed. A madman is coming to visit. Progress is made by giving unconditional love.



GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

A woman improves your working conditions. Talk about the past to save the day. Give someone an adoring smile.



CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

A tough guy solves a ridiculous mystery. Deal with ethical problems. A dream delivers a bolt from the blue.



LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Silly claims are made by a trend-setter. Have faith in a family member. Refuse to annoy your neighbours.



VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

A great romance will be inspiring. You'll find a solution for an impolite person. An old friend tries to pull a fast one.



LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

An oddball makes cautious statements. A conservative man's challenge must be faced. An annoying person's advice won't make sense.



SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

A bureaucrat will change his tune. A mediator makes a save. Don't advise a friend to tell a secret.



SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Persist even when you're faced with serious doubts. Risky witticisms trample someone's privacy. You'll be challenged by a mediocre person.



CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Someone neglects important details. Give support or fall into despair. A man has done a good job of covering his tracks.



AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Making unnecessary noise will harm your progress. A sorrowful friend is superficial. A buddy needs to see kindness in someone.



PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

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